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SUBJ: LINEAR ACCELERATOR-CANCER THERAPY

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1. MIN HEALTH OFFICIALS REPORT NO CHANGE IN STATUS ON LINEAR ACCELERATOR PROJECT; ACCORDING TO MINISTRY SPOKESMAN PROJECT IS STILL "UNDER CONSIDERATION" BY MIN HEALTH LEADERSHIP AND "HIGHER AUTHORITIES". AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT, IN FACT, MIN HEALTH WOULD HAVE VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, INFLUENCE ON DETERMINATION WHETHER TO ACCEPT OFFER OR NOT, AND THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD COME DOWN FROM TOP LEADERSHIP. AS BEFORE (REF B), MIN HEALTH OFFICIAL IMPLIED, BY GIVING HIS "PERSONAL VIEW" OF SITUATION, THAT QUERIES ON STATUS OF OFFER WOULD ELICIT MORE DIRECT RESPONSE IF DIRECTED TO COUNTRY LEADERSHIP.

2. INQUIRIES AT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN PROJECT ON ADVISORY BASIS, DREW SIMILAR RESPONSE.

3. AMBASSADOR BARNES, BEFORE DEPARTING FROM WASHINGTON, MAY WISH TO BRING UP MATTER WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN IN ORDER TO BEGIN PLACING INQUIRY INTO ANOTHER CHANNEL WHICH AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP DURING SOME OF HIS INITIAL CALLS HERE ON SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. WE DO NOT PLAN TO PURSUE SUBJECT HERE UNTIL WE RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT AT THIS POINT IN LONG HISTORY OF LINEAR ACCELERATOR GAME, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BALL IS CLEARLY IN ROMANIANS' COURT FOLLOWING WHAT WE CONSIDER

TO BE A RESPONSIVE US REACTION TO ROMANIAN INTERESTS.
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